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Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

As part of the FY 1984-1988 DoD Program Review, the Defense Resources Board (DRB) is considering a number of major issues having potentially significant impacts on the total DoD Budget. I still have significant reservations regarding this Department's ability to fund all of the systems and activities we need to meet the objectives outlined in Secretary Weinberger's guidance.

This was a major reason for my telephone call to you last February in which we discussed the necessity of holding the DoD portion of the National Foreign Intelligence Program (NFIP) to the levels specified in the outyears of the FY 1983 President's Budget. The issues identified for DRB consideration have, if anything, made our difficulties even more intractable.

For this reason--and in the absence of a formal programmatic statement from you regarding priorities among NFIP efforts--I intend to maintain the aggregate allowance for DoD-funded elements of the NFIP at the level specified in our Fiscal Guidance.

Let me emphasize that Secretary Weinberger and I fully support the necessity for a vigorous and effective NFIP in FY 1984 and beyond. Nevertheless, we cannot endorse a higher NFIP level if the increase is imposed at the expense of essential Departmental efforts.

Sincerely,


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